

DATE:	14 January 2025
TO:	Provincial
FROM:	Hematopathology (Lab Hematology)
RE:	Test Name Change: “Lupus Anticoagulant Insensitive PTT” will be renamed to “Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT), LAC-insensitive”

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Key Message

- Effective **15 January 2025**, “Lupus Anticoagulant Insensitive PTT” will be renamed to “Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT), LAC-insensitive”.
- While this test is already available at Foothills Medical Centre (FMC), the test will also become available at the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) and Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) on the same date (**15 January 2025**) as previously communicated:
 - <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/wf/lab/if-lab-hp-bulletin-2025-01-06-lupus-insensitive-ptt-replacing-pt-ptt-mixing-studies.pdf>

Background

- The old test name “Lupus Anticoagulant Insensitive PTT” was causing confusion at FMC, where it was being mistaken for the “Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigation” panel, which includes the Lupus Anticoagulant test as a synonym.

How this will impact you

- Please order “Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT), LAC-insensitive” when a PTT test is required that is insensitive to interference from Lupus Anticoagulants (see Appendix A).
- In contrast, for diagnosis of a Lupus Anticoagulant, please continue to order an “Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigation” panel (see Appendix B).

Effective **15 January 2025**

Questions/Concerns

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Appendix A

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Reference List

Facility List

Order Sets, Panels, & Pathways

Search order sets and panels by user

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Name	User Version Name	Type
Management of Bleeding on Anticoagulants		Order Set

During Visit Medications

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During Visit Procedures

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Name	Type	Phase of Care	Pref List	Cost to Org
PTT Heparin Neutralization	Lab		AHS IP FACILITY LAB-O...	
PTT Mixing Study	Lab		AHS IP FACILITY LAB-O...	
Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)	Lab		AHS IP FACILITY LAB-O...	
Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)	Lab		AHS IP LAB ETM	
Hemostasis Investigations (aka PTT Inhibitor)	Lab		AHS IP FACILITY LAB-O...	
Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT), LAC-insensitive	Lab		AHS IP FACILITY LAB-O...	



Appendix B

During Visit Procedures				I (Alt+3)
Name	Type	Phase of Care	Pref List	Cost to Org
ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME INVESTIGATION (aka Lupus Anticoagulant)	Lab		AHS IP FACILITY LAB-O...	